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Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr.
The Director of Intelligence
and Research
Department of State
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cumming:


I have been associated with the Publications Program since 1952 when, at the request of your Department, I chaired the Working Group which set the tone of the procurement, exploitation and referencing of foreign publications. I have been Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Publications (1953-1958) and Chairman of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications (PROCIB) since 1958. Since 1957 I have had direct line responsibility for the administration of the program in CIA for the Department and 20 other agencies of government.

During this time since 1952, I have worked with several incumbents of the position of Chief, Intelligence Collection and Distribution Division but I have not known any of these Officers to be as well informed about the program as Mr. Leo Goodman who has just left the position. His intimate and meticulous concern with detail and his requirement for great semantic precision in the field evaluations and instructions contained the procurement program within more specifically defined limits than had been the case before.

PROCIB and the Library staff here in CIA wish Mr. Goodman well in his future assignments.

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Very truly yours,


Chairman, Committee on Procurement
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